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1. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF MISSION CD C180C OF 21 OCTOBER 1970 REVEALS THAT THE SECOND LUTA DDGS BEING CONSTRUCTED AT LUTA SHIPYARD DAIREN CHINA [REDACTED] HAS BEEN LAUNCHED AND PLACED IN GRAVING DOCK NO. 2. ACTIVITY ON BUILDING WAY NO. 2 MAY INDICATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A THIRD LUTA DDGS AT DAIREN.

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2. A COMPARISON OF DATES BETWEEN THE FIRST OBSERVATIONS OF THE FIRST AND SECOND LUTA DDGS AND THEIR LAUNCHING INDICATES THAT CONSTRUCTION TIME FOR THIS TYPE VESSEL HAS BEEN REDUCED FROM APPROXIMATELY 14 MONTHS TO APPROXIMATELY 5 AND ONE HALF MONTHS.

3. THE FIRST LUTA DDGS WAS OBSERVED IN EARLY STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION ON BUILDING WAY NO. 1 ON [REDACTED] AND AGAIN ON [REDACTED]

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DDGS NOT PRESENT IN [REDACTED] THE SECOND LUTA DDGS WAS FIRST OBSERVED IN LATE STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION ON BUILDING WAY NO. 2 ON [REDACTED]

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AT WHICH TIME THE FIRST VESSEL HAD BEEN LAUNCHED AND WAS MOORED IN FRONT OF THE THREE BUILDING WAYS. ON [REDACTED]

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THE FIRST VESSEL WAS OBSERVED IN GRAVING DOCK NO. 2. THE SECOND LUTA DDGS WAS IN GRAVING DOCK NO. 2 ON [REDACTED]

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AND THE FIRST VESSEL WAS MOORED NEAR QUAY NO. 1.

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REFERENCE: [REDACTED]

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